

MINUTES OF CHC MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2007

REPORTS:

President – Mike Meakem:

Mike announced that there have been no nominations submitted for the office of Treasurer. It was agreed that the election for the vacant treasurer position would be delayed until a suitable candidate can be found.

CHC Executive Board involvement with local programs is to help and support, NOT mediate every dispute. Parents have gone so far as threatening to contact the Attorney General's office regarding Tier II and Tier III declarations where parents feel they are out of their league. As voted on and approved by the CHC Board of Directors, there will be no movement out of Tier II or III, and any such movement or refusal to participate will result in all teams within the offending program being removed from CHC state tournament competition. Of particular concern are the actions of a group of East Haven parents at the PeeWee-B and Bantam-B level who have been sending CHC threatening emails. East Haven will be holding a meeting with these parents tomorrow evening.

Locker room/facility issues – remind visitors to behave and respect all rinks.

24 Hour USA Hockey Game Event: Greenwich Skate will be participating from CT. Their segment of this 24 hour national event will be played on 2/29 at 2:30 PM

USA Hockey Weekend in mid-February: Grow the Game events to be held across the country. Possible CHC event to be held at Quinnipiac.

Registrar – Patty Garcia:

Rosters are coming in – communication has been good. Patty can and will handle emergency requests

Vice President (acting Treasurer) – Jason Pniewski:

Financial report distributed. CHC State tournament deposits due tonight.

Secretary – Mike Meakem reporting for Glenn Van Moffaert:

As a result of USA Hockey's annual review of our Bylaws and Rules & Policies, CHC has been advised that they must include USA Hockey's policy on sexual and physical abuse in it's bylaws/rules & policies.

After a short discussion, a motion was made for the inclusion of said policies. Approval was unanimous. The exact wording of these policies is as follows:

SEXUAL ABUSE

It is the policy of USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine that there shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its training camps, hockey clinics, coaches clinics, referee clinics, regional and national tournaments or other USA Hockey or USA Hockey InLine events by an employee, volunteer, or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant occurs when an employee, volunteer or independent contractor touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing the sexual arousal or gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant also occurs when a minor player touches an employee, volunteer or independent contractor for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor, if the touching occurs at the request or with the consent of the employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Neither consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistake as to the participant's age, nor the fact that the sexual contact did not take place at a hockey function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse.

Upon proof of violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine sanctioned programs and/or the programs of its affiliate associations.

C. PHYSICAL ABUSE

It is the policy of USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine that there shall be no physical abuse of any participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its training camps, hockey clinics, coaches clinics, referee clinics, regional and national tournaments or other USA Hockey or USA Hockey InLine events by any employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Physical abuse means physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury. Physical abuse also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate a hockey skill. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not necessarily limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking and other hockey skills, and communicating with or directing participants, during the course of a game or practice, by touching them in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.

Team CT Tryout Eligibility: to formalize a long standing policy, Glenn had asked that the following rule be added to the CHC Rules and Policies

“Any player who has an outstanding financial obligation to any CHC program shall be ineligible to participate in Team CT tryouts.”

Approval was unanimous.

Peter Russo, president MidFairfield, asked for a reconsideration of the current CHC neck guard rule. Current policy states that neck guards are mandatory for all players at all age levels on all CHC teams. Asked to consider abolishing rule, or making age level specific. Reasoning is spotty enforcement of the rule. Reps are asked to take this back to their programs for discussion – vote will be held at November meeting.

CHC ELIGIBILITY – Kathy Ludwig:

Releases are currently 200 less than last year, and from preliminary roster checks, should not increase by much. Programs have been very good at filing releases in a timely manner.

GIRLS/WOMEN – Joe Dymarczyk:

Girls Festival tryouts for 1991, 1992, 1993 will be held in Hookset, NH on Nov 3-4. Tryouts for the 1994, 1995 Girls Festival will be held the first or second week of January. Information will be distributed & posted on website.

Tier I U14 teams – Joe needs to know teams that have conflicts with the proposed schedule. CHC Website will be updated with more girls information including a FAQ. Joe will also be reaching out to the Connecticut Girls Hockey League for more integration with all girls teams in the state.

ACE DIRECTOR – Brandon Johnson:

A conference call with all CHC program presidents/ reps/coaching directors and Dan Daley has been set up for October 29 at 7:30 PM. Presidents and reps will be advised of the call procedures via email. Topics of discussion include what's happening in the coaching arena and where USA Hockey is headed.

Level 2 coaching clinic to be held in CT in December is full. A few out of state clinics are still available. Check the USA Hockey website for details.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Randy Zaritsky:

Report attached. Last referee seminar in CT will be held on Nov 4 at Shelton. This is the last clinic in the New England District, Mass & New York. All referees are required to attend seminar every year to retain certification.

Randy reiterated the curfew game rule. At the start of the 3rd period, if the time remaining in the ice slot is less than twice the time of the period, the third period will be shortened to 50% of the time remaining in the slot. All referees have been instructed in this policy.

Player equipment – referees are having to instruct coaches to fix/replace players equipment in every game. Ear pieces removed from helmets, missing mouth guards (especially goalies), neck guards.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

Tournament committee is working with very tight budgets to keep costs down. Package for supplemental tournament hosting available.

In divisions/tiers where there are 13 teams, a playdown will be held to determine the 12th spot.

Game sheets – Tier IV teams, as well as Tier II & III should send their scoresheets to the Age Division Directors listed on the CHC website. Do not send sheets to supplemental tournament director, Art Blakeslee.

Tier IV – if you would like to host a tournament, Art Blakeslee needs “blocks” by the November meeting.

Bantam Tier IV – remember that December 1st is the deadline to declare, or drop out of the Bantam Tier IV tournament.

Eric Sundquist, Squirt Division director, reminded everyone that only games that were scheduled as home/home CHC state games count for the standings and should be posted in the website. Do not put extra games versus Tier II or Tier III games on the website. Tier IV games – no official standings will be kept.

There is no official CHC rule prohibiting teams from playing teams in other Tiers. Tier I major teams did agree not to play Tier II teams.

3 Midget Major teams will advance from CT to the New England District tournament.

TEAM CT – Jim Lanza:

November 4 is the deadline to register for the 1991, 1992, 1993 Team CT tryouts. All registration is done on-line at the CHC website. Tryouts will be held Nov 18-21 at Northford. Players will be emailed with their schedule.

NE DISTRICT – Jim Lanza:

Player Development – 17 & 18 year old camp held for the first time in Providence was very successful. Will be run again this year.

David Berard – Director of Player Development for the NE District has resigned. Replacement will be announced shortly.

Growing the Game – NE District has worked out a special offer on small and midsize nets. Buy one – get one free. Ken Dixon will be handling orders

WEBSITE: Harley Pretty is stepping down. Mike McCullough will be replacing him.

ATTENDANCE LOG THROUGH NOVEMBER

Program	Total Absences	April 2007	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting	September	October	November	December
Avon	0								
Central	0								
CT Clippers	1				X				
CT Northern Lights	1			X					
CT Polar Bears	0								
CT Stars	2			X				X	
CT Wolves	0								
Darien	1		X						
East Haven	1		X						
ECHO	1		X						
Enfield	1			X					
Gr. Bridgeport	0								
Gr. New Haven	0								
Greenwich Blues	2			X			X		
Greenwich Skate	1	X							
Griffin	3	X	X	X					
Hamden	0								
Kent	3	X	X	X					
Middlesex	1			X					
Mid-Fairfield	0								
New Canaan	2	X	X						
Northeastern	0								
Northwestern	0								
Pawling	0								
Ridgefield	2	X	X						
Salisbury	4	X	X	X		X			
Simsbury	3	X	X	X					
South Windsor	1	X							
Southeastern	0								
Southern	1		X						
Stamford	1		X						
Wallingford	2		X	X					
Watertown	1			X					
West Hartford	1					X			
West Haven	1					X			
Western	1	X							
Wonderland Wizards	2	X	X						
Yale	1			X					